a man applies for sick leave and if he does not produce the medical certificate, that will have to be called for. Such preliminaries naturally take time and it so happened that there was some delay in getting these preliminaries done and putting the necessary notification in the Gazette in making the appointment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even with all that after entering on leave there has been unnecessary delay for about 6 days or 10 days and so it is both in the office of the Director of Public Instruction and the Huzur Secretariat. Can all this unnecessary delay be avoided?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a matter of opinion that the delays are unnecessary. I can assure the Hon'ble Member in the first place that no delay which is avoidable has occurred. In the second place even while this appointment was pending, work was not at a standstill. There are other members of the staff who have some leisure which they can utilise for taking these boys; so that the inference that these boys were doing nothing while the appointment was in the process of intimation, was wrong.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether an officer can enter on leave before the leave is ssnctioned.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* What actually happened was this. This was sick leave and he entered upon leave in anticipation of sanction. In cases where the application is not supported by proper valid medical certificate, of course, it will be refused. But here, they had satisfactorily proved that the grant of leave was necessary and the man had no option in the matter.

QUARTERS FOR THE SISTERS WORKING IN THE MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL

226. **Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state whether any quarters for the Sisters working in the Maharaja's Hospital, Mattancheri, have been built as contemplated?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the building of quarters for the Sisters of the Maharaja's Hospital, Mattancheri, was not agreed to?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They have quarters now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether that was not agreed to?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not think there was any definite agreement. Government would consider the question of puting up suitable quarters for sisters.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have the Government seen the visitors' book regarding the quarters?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They have read them. It is conceded that quarters are needed. Early steps would be taken to see what could be done in the matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware that the quarters that they have is dingy?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Most of the houses in Mattancheri are like that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* But this is worse. It is very inadequate particularly for European people to be scorched in the sun. You agree.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Agreed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Chief Medical Officer be pleased to take a little more steps to see that quarters are built as early as possible?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* That will be looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it that the Chief Medical Officer is satisfied that these sisters can tolerably manage to be where they are at least during the war time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I am afraid that the quarters are not at all adequate for them, and early steps will be taken to accommodate them in proper buildings.

BUS FARES—EXHORBITANT RATES OF

227. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there had been complaints from bus passengers against exhorbitant collection of bus fares, in defiance of Notification No. 2 (Judicial Department), dated 19th August 1943, published in Part I, of the Gazette dated 5th Chingam 1119;

(*b*) if so, the names and addresses of the petitioners and the names of bus services against whom such complaints have been made;

(*c*) whether any action was taken against such bus owners;

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(*d*) whether the bus fares are the same as noted in the notification referred to above even now in all bus services in the State ;

(*e*) whether any action is taken by the Police without any complaints for collecting enhanced fares unauthorised in the notification referred to above ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1. Varied Ouseph of Cherpu—Triprayar Union Bus.
2. Cheriyan Manjooran, Ernakulam—West Cost Syndicate Service.
3. K. R. Achyutan—Triprayar Union Bus.
4. Parameswaran Namboodiri and others, Trichur—Kanjani Buses.
5. V. V. Krishna Ayyar & others—P. M. Menon's Service.

(*c*) Action is being taken in respect of 1, 3 and 4. No action was found necessary regarding the others.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the word 'Mr.' ought to have been more properly put before the names?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahdur *(Commissioner of Police):* What are written there are the names of persons. It is not a reference to the persons themselves. The question asked for names and names are mentioned.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* My complaint relates to Kanjani bus, but it is stated as Triprayar bus.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* This Trichur-Kanjani Buses are also of the same classification.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are these bus fares exhibited in the buses?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. That is latest order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthascan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I now how the fares mentioned in this notification in clause (*a*) compare with the previous fares?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The present rates are 25 per cent above the prewar rates.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the excess in percentage that the persons who have complained against wanted to collect for these buses?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* They collected in some cases a few pies and in some cases one or two annas more.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the percentage? Would it be about the double?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was in many cases a few pies. In other cases one anna or one-and-a-half annas.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know why action was not taken against Nos. 2 and 5 ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The complaint regarding No. 2 relates to Travancore territory. As regards No. 5. enquiries were made and the allegations could not be substantiated.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether these buses are run on gas?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Most of them run on gas.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that running buses on gas is much cheaper than running on petrol?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* We are on fares now and not on petrol.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Covernment aware that runnning on petrol is far more costly than running on gas? So, there is no case made out for enhancement of the fares.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Apart from petrol, vehicles require several costly spare parts & tyres.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know with reference to No. 3 the date of putting in the complaint?

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Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas Trichur):* May I know the nature of the steps taken in regard to No. 4?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The permit of the vehicle was suspended for a week.

CONTROL OF FARES OF BUSES, RICKSHAWS, ETC.

228. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state whether.—

(*a*) they are not in a position to control the train, bus and rickshaw hires at present; and

(*b*) any steps have been taken in this direction?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes, excepting in the case of train.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur Nroth):* May I know what exactly are the steps taken with regard to the fares in the case of rickshaws?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* In the case of rickshaws, we have got fixed rates and the table is carried by the rickshaw man and every passenger can see that those fares table are exhibited in every rickshaw.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur North):* May I know whether the fares are fixed with reference to the distance and time?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bhahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes, both.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Hackney carriage Act in force here?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Can a rickshaw man refuse to take a fare?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

WOMEN WORKERS—APPEARANCE IN POLICE STATION

229. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Womens-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether any women workers were asked to appear in the Police Station at Anthikad?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

PALAYANNUR POLICE—COMPLAINT AGAINST—MASS PETITION

230. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a mass petition complaining of the high handed action of the Palayannur Police;

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made into the same and if so by whom and in what manner;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Police had or had not personally enquired into the same and if so when and in what manner;

(*d*) whether the Commissioner of Police had or had not issued notices to some or all the petitioners to show cause why action should not be taken against them both under the Cochin Police Act and the Defence of India Act;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative whether sanction of the Government was obtained or the Government consulted in the matter before the notices were issued; if so, when and if not, why not?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Division Inspector, Trichur, enquired into the matter jointly with the Postal Inspector.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkacheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the answer to clause (e) in the opinion of the Government is complete answer to question (e). It is stated whether sanction of the Government was obtained or the Government consulted in the matter before the notices were issued, if so when, and if not, why not?" The answer is a simple "no".

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